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New Power Plants
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of power projects undertaken in the country during Eleventh and Twelfth Plan along with their capacity including their current status and the steps taken to complete the under construction projects, State/UT/project-wise;

(b) the State/UT-wise details of projects whose capacity is proposed to be increased along with the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) whether the Government intends to undertake more power projects in near future and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER,
COAL AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) : The details of Thermal and Hydro power projects aggregating to 1,62,100.5 MW and 9,288 MW respectively, which were undertaken during Eleventh and Twelfth Plan along with their capacity including status of commissioning and construction, State/UT/project-wise is given at Annex.

The steps taken by the Government for timely commissioning of the thermal and hydro power projects are given below:

(i) Central Electricity Authority (CEA) monitors the progress of under construction power projects through frequent site visits and interaction with the developers and equipment suppliers. CEA holds review meetings periodically with the developers and other stakeholders and identify issues critical for commissioning of projects and help in resolving them.

(ii) Regular reviews are also undertaken by Ministry of Power, Ministry of Heavy Industries and Cabinet Secretariat to identify the constraint areas and facilitate faster resolution of inter-ministerial and other outstanding issues.

(iii) A Power Project Monitoring Panel (PPMP) has been set up by the Ministry of Power for monitoring of on-going Thermal and Hydro Generation projects targeted for commissioning during the 12th Plan and beyond along with the associated transmission system.

(iv) Expeditious resolution of issues relating to Environmental and forest clearances.
Issues are taken up with Ministries concerned to facilitate availability of coal for power projects.

(v) Issues are also raised in PRAGATI, for proactive governance and timely implementation, as and when required.

(b) & (c) : As per Section 7 of Electricity Act, 2003, any generating company may establish, operate and maintain a generating station without obtaining a licence/permission under this Act, if it complies with the technical standards relating to connectivity with the grid. Accordingly, sanction of the Government is not required for setting up of Thermal Power Projects. However, for setting up of hydro electric projects, the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) are required to be submitted for concurrence of Central Electricity Authority (CEA).

Ten (10) Thermal Power Projects aggregating to installed capacity of 13,600 MW are proposed by Central Sector Utilities. In addition to this, forty-one (41) Hydro Electric Schemes aggregating to installed capacity of 25,678 MW are concurred by CEA. The twelve (12) identified Ultra Mega Power Projects each of 4000 MW (tentative) capacity, are also proposed to increase the capacity.

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